

KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMEMENT AGENCY

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1 p.m., August 27, Update: Kūhiō Highway closure announced due to Flash Flood Warning

Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of the Hanalei Bridge is closed until further notice due to a Flash Flood Warning for the island of Kaua'i.

As of 12:45 p.m., Kuhio Highway between Waikoko and Wainiha is open at this time. However, the highway could close with very little notice should weather conditions change. Officials are monitoring the highway and will provide updated information as it becomes available. To monitor updates, please visit state DOT's Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HawaiiDepartmentOfTransportation.

The state Department of Education announced that Hanalei Elementary School has closed. Students who were not able to be picked up before the closure of Kūhiō Highway, in Wainiha, are safe and sheltering in place at Hanalei Elementary School under staff supervision.

Green waste services at Hanalei and Kapa'a transfer stations are closed today. All other sites are open at this time, with the exception of the temporary transfer station at Kepuhi Point in Wainiha, which is closed.

A Flash Flood Warning means flash flooding is imminent or occurring in streams, roads and low-lying areas. Do not cross fast-flowing or rising water in your vehicle or on foot. The warning may be extended, dropped or modified as conditions develop.

Ponding, low visibility and other hazardous driving conditions are expected. If you must drive, please do so with extreme caution.

For updates on road conditions and closures, please call 241-1725. Please do not call Kaua'i police 911 unless you have an emergency.

For weather updates call the National Weather Service automated weather line at 245-6001, or visit the NWS website, www.weather.gov/hawaii.

To sign up for Blackboard Connect, the county's emergency notification service, please go to the county's website, www.kauai.gov, or call the Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency at 241-1800.

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